

DISTRICT NATIONAL GUARD READY FOR FORT WASHINGTON MANEUVERS.

effectually the most determined drought in the history of the district. The field is synonymous with the appearance of rain. It always has been so—especially in connection with camps at Fort Washington—and probably will continue so to the end of time.

Assignment of Officers.

Assignment of the field and staff officers of the National Guard has been made as follows:
To Fort Washington, Md.—
Col. M. Emmet Urell, 2d Regiment, assistant battle commander.
Col. Charles H. Ourand, 1st Regiment, support inspector.
Maj. Joseph F. Hodgson, commanding 2d Regiment (support).
Maj. Glenn B. Young, 1st Regiment, commanding 3d Battalion (support).
Maj. Anton Stephan, 2d Regiment and Maj. William E. Harvey, 2d Regiment, assistant duty of support.

Capt. John E. Brooks, adjutant, 2d Regiment, communication officer, battle command station.
Capt. Harry Coope, adjutant, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. William B. Sullivan, 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. John B. Coffman, adjutant, 3d Battalion, 1st Regiment, duty of support.
First Lieut. F. H. Heidenreich, adjutant, 3d Battalion, 2d Regiment; First Lieut. Charles R. Roberts, adjutant, 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, communication officers, fire command station.

Capt. Emil G. Shafer, quartermaster, 2d Regiment; Capt. Robert Cook, quartermaster, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. Edwin H. Neumeyer, Jr., quartermaster, 3d Battalion, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. William A. Duvall, quartermaster, 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. Thos. F. McAnally, quartermaster, 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment and First Lieut. Frank W. Holt, quartermaster, 3d Battalion, 2d Regiment, assistants to artillery district quartermaster.

Capt. Francis J. Woodman, surgeon, 2d Regiment; First Lieut. Romulus A. Foster, surgeon, 2d Battalion, 1st Regiment; First Lieut. Horatio B. Hollifield, surgeon, 3d Battalion, 1st Regiment; Charles H. Bowler, surgeon, 3d Battalion, 2d Regiment and First Lieut. Benjamin G. Pool, surgeon, 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, assistants to surgeon, Fort Washington, Md.
Fort Hunt, Va.—Lieut. Col. Richard A. O'Brien, 2d Regiment, assistant fire commander.
Lieut. Col. Luther H. Reichelderfer, 1st Regiment, commanding supports, Fort Hunt, Va.

Maj. Wallace A. McCathran, 1st Regiment, commanding 1st Battalion (support).
Maj. Richard D. Simms, 2d Regiment, assistant fire commander.
Maj. Arthur Brooks, 1st Separate Battalion (support).
Capt. Clarence A. Weaver, surgeon, 1st Regiment.
First Lieut. Charles R. Luce, surgeon, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, and First Lieut. William K. Reames, 1st Separate Battalion, assistants to post surgeon.
First Lieut. Ralph C. Sherwood, adjutant, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, and First Lieut. James E. Walker, adjutant, 1st Separate Battalion, duty with supports.

Where Camps Are Located.

The assignment to camps is as follows: Fort Washington—At Battery Melges, Companies A, B, C and D, 2d Regiment, with 17th Company, Coast Artillery, as reserves; at Battery Emory, Companies I and K, 2d Regiment, with 143d Company, Coast Artillery, as reserves; at Battery Hummer, Companies E and M, 2d Regiment, with 44th Company, Coast Artillery, as reserves; at old Fort, Companies E and M, 1st Regiment, as supports; at athletic grounds, Companies I, J and M, 1st Regiment, as supports; at south of parade ground, the Brigade Band and the corps of field music.
Fort Hunt, Va.—Companies E, F and G, 2d Regiment, with 47th Company, Coast Artillery, as reserves; east of primary station, Companies E, F and G, 2d Regiment, as supports; in rear of Battery Sater, 1st Separate Battalion, as supports; east of barracks, Ambulance Corps, Signal Corps, in open field, 1st Battery, Field Artillery.

Attendance Unexpectedly Large.

The large attendance of national guardsmen for the joint exercises is a source of deep gratification to the powers that be. It is conceded that ordering the brigade here was far from popular, not only among the enlisted men, but many of the officers. They preferred to protract the serious duty of training infantry soldiers for infantry work. Therefore it was very pleasing to learn that an official with a checking instrument had counted that more than 1,000 men and sixty guardsmen made the trip aboard the Steamer Jane Moseley yesterday morning. The list of names, which includes the general staff and the general non-commissioned staff, the 1st battery of field artillery and the advance parties that came here Friday, Saturday and Sunday, is by far the very best in the history of the command.
Gen. Harries and his staff, as stated, made the trip to Fort Washington aboard the U. S. S. Onida, one of the vessels of the Naval Battalion. The anchorage of the Onida will be held until the conclusion of the exercises. The headquarters motor boat came down yesterday, taking position off the beam of the Onida. The speedy little craft will be used for trips between the two forts and for the general use of headquarters in connection with the exercises.

Gen. Harries' Headquarters.

At the suggestion of Col. Coffin, Gen. Harries has established his headquarters in the old main house, which is a pleasant and adjacent to battery Decatur. The house is provided with modern conveniences. The general non-commissioned staff is camped nearby. Gen. Harries, Lieut. Col. Smiley, adjutant general, and Capt. Mitchell of the Signal Corps of the army were guests of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Coffin at dinner last evening.
Military headquarters at Fort Washington commands a sort of bird's-eye view of Fort Hunt, and being a pleasant place, especially at night when the Virginia camp is lighted.
Company M, 1st Regiment, commanded by Capt. M. E. Foster, made a motor trip last evening, music for the ceremony being supplied by the National Guard Brigade Band. The work of the guardsmen was witnessed by a number of the officers' residences, which face the parade ground.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE.

Girl Heard Her Dying Brother Call for Help.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., July 27.—While her twin brother was sinking in the quicksands of Long lake, near Mitchell, Ill., yesterday, Merle, Huber, from the home, alone, shrieked and fell to the front porch in a faint. Neighbors ran to her assistance and revived her. "Fred is dying. I can hear him calling to me. He is drowning; let me go to him," moaned the girl.
Merle made frantic efforts to leave the house, but was held back by friends, who assured her that Fred was all right. The girl could not be quieted.
Five minutes later a message came from Mitchell that Fred Huber was drowned. When the news reached his sister she again fainted and up to a late hour was in a critical condition.

Murdered His Son.

LOWELL, Mass., July 27.—During a fit of insanity yesterday Elisha Drake, a quarryman, shot and mortally fatally wounded his four-year-old son Walter, and then shot and killed himself.



Soldiers Disembarking From the Transport at Fort Washington.

HAPPY AT FORT HUNT

Volunteer Troops on Virginia Side Much at Home.

READY TO DO THEIR PART

Receive Cordial Welcome From Regulars, Officers and Men.

MESS SHEDS ARE POPULAR

First Separate Battalion of Colored Guardsmen Makes Excellent Impression—Skylarking Lacking.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

FORT HUNT, Va., July 27, 1908. The tents of the National Guard are raised and the soldier boys are ready for the business of war. From the moment the "transport," as the steam-propelled scow that crosses from Fort Washington to Fort Hunt is dubbed, landed the troops here everything has gone with a snap and vim which promises well for the success of the fifteen-day campaign. Not one moment has been lost, and the tented city is as well organized now as if it had been in existence several weeks.
At 7 o'clock Sunday morning the brigade assembled in heavy marching order, fully armed and equipped, and marched to the foot of 7th street, where the Jane Moseley awaited their arrival. Capt. Robert Cook was in charge at the wharf and saw that everything was carried out properly and that the boat left on time.
At the steamboat wharf a large crowd had collected to see the boys leave. Wives, daughters, sisters and sweethearts were in evidence everywhere, in spite of the fact that it was rather early and Sunday morning besides. The girls waved their handkerchiefs until they were in danger of being torn to shreds, and shrieked the faint feminine excitement which the particular and fortunate young man responded to the signal.
Recall Civil War Days.
They were two or three fathers on hand who had seen service forty-seven years ago. One of them could not restrain the tears when he bade good-bye to his son. He explained that the memory of the day when he left Washington

ROGERS TO BE COLLECTOR

CHANGES IN LOCAL OFFICES TO BE MADE SOON.

Collector Davis Has Decided to Step Down—Louis C. Wilson Becomes Disbursing Officer.

E. G. Davis, for more than twenty years collector of taxes in the District, will be transferred to the board of real estate assessors, either next Saturday or Monday, and Charles C. Rogers, for a number of years disbursing officer, will be named to succeed him.
These changes and the other important ones growing out of them were predicted in The Star Friday last, and today they were practically confirmed by the commissioners. Mr. Miffland, the only member of the board who had not expressed his views upon the proposed changes, stated today that they meet with his approval, and whenever Mr. West forwards the recommendation effecting them he will put his signature to it. Commissioner Morrow made the same statement Saturday.
Collector Davis talked this morning with Commissioner West for more than an hour, and it was authoritatively stated afterward that the former had decided to voluntarily step down from the position to the place assigned him on the real estate board at a reduced salary.
Shock to Old Employee.
Following this conference, Mr. Davis said he had been given permission to "think the matter over until next Saturday," and then he will make known his position to the board.
"My retirement has come to me as a great shock and a surprise," Mr. Davis said. "I always believed, and do still, that the citizens of Washington are satisfied with my administration. No fault has ever been found with the way in which I have conducted affairs, and I feel that I know a little something about the methods of the department inasmuch as I have been here a great many years. If there was anything wrong with me or the way in which I ran the thing since the announcement made in The Star that he was to be retired, and that some of them had advised him otherwise, Mr. West said no more consideration will be given to the changes until Saturday, when Mr. Davis is to make known his attitude. It is authoritatively stated that "his attitude" will be expressed by his resignation as collector or by a written request that he be placed on the real estate board.

SOME OTHER SHIFTS.

As has been previously announced in The Star, in order to make room for Mr. Davis on the real estate tax board, Alexander McKenzie, who has been a member of it for two years, and who was previously

FIVE STUCK IN MUD

BUT CRAPSHOOTERS RESCUED AND ARRESTED BY POLICE.

Of five dusky craps shooters arrested yesterday afternoon after a sensational race from the foot of the Potomac flats into which the quintet had rushed in an effort to escape the police, but one, William Reed, appeared in Police Court for trial this morning.
He was charged with disorderly conduct. Following a verdict of guilty Reed was committed to the workhouse for fifteen days. The others—John Burrell, John Heaton, Robert Woodson and Manuel—were committed to the city jail on \$5 each.
The five were engaged in a lively game yesterday afternoon at the foot of 22d street, immediately off a particularly treacherous place in the flats.
Policemen Newton, Walsh and Timothy Cray of the third precinct learned of what was going on. As the blue-coats approached the players flushed like a covey of quail. Off over the flats they hot-footed, with the police in hot pursuit. The fugitives had not gone far before they began to sink rapidly in the soft mud. Their flight impeded, they called for help.
Three of the runners, lagging in the race, were easily salvaged and put under arrest. Before their two companions were finally pulled out on solid ground it was necessary for the police to build a miniature bridge of planks from the John solid section of the mud to where they were floundering, waist deep, in the mire.
The five prisoners and three policemen presented a sorry sight as they were taken to the station house. There the latter removed their uniforms and dried and cleaned them before they were presentable.

PICKFORD PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Trial in Building Collapse Case Set for Fall.

Thomas H. Pickford, 20th and the Toronto apartment house, at 20th and T streets, indicted for manslaughter, today appeared before Justice Anderson and entered a plea of not guilty to the indictment. Attorney George P. Hoover secured leave of the court to withdraw the plea within thirty days and file a demurrer to the indictment if he should so determine. Special Assistant United States Attorney Adkins stated that the case against Pickford and Reavis will probably be called for trial in the fall.

CONSUMPTION DIAGNOSIS.

Early Stages Discovered by Measurements of Thorax.

PARIS, July 27.—While awaiting the discovery of some means to cure tuberculosis, scientists are searching for some means of an early diagnosis, which hitherto have been most difficult.
Dr. Bourrelle describes a series of experiments whereby early diagnoses can be established. He examines every year 1,200 women and girls who were seeking employment.
He measured the thorax at moments of extreme inspiration and expiration and noted the difference. For normal females he found that the difference always exceeded two and one-third inches, while for tuberculosis women it never reached one and one-sixth.
He then measured 1,000 soldiers and found a difference of from three and one-half

VALUABLE NECKLACE FOUND.

Maid of Countess Von Wartensleben Rearrested.

BERLIN, July 27.—A pearl necklace of extraordinary beauty and valued at \$50,000, which mysteriously disappeared from the apartment of Countess von Wartensleben one evening last February, when she was attending the opera, has just been found.
The countess' maid had been arrested in connection with the abduction of the necklace, owing to the fact that a window in the maid's room was found open, and she was permitted to go free. The maid has been rearrested.

MUST HAVE BEEN FATIGUED.

NORTHAMPTON, England, July 27.—In the game between the Philadelphia and Northamptonshire cricket teams today the Philadelphia made 107 runs for five wickets before lunch.
The Philadelphia went out in the first inning with a total of 106 runs.

BALLOON TESTS SOON

"My Airship Most Modern," Is Capt. Baldwin's Claim.

A NEW RUBBER PROCESS

If Successful Baldwin Gets \$6,750, Zeppelin \$500,000.

SOME CRAFT COMPARISONS

Tent From Which Flights Will Be Made Arrives—First Test Next Saturday.

If Capt. Thomas S. Baldwin succeeds in fulfilling all of the requirements of the government in the trial flights of his military dirigible at Fort Meyer, he will receive \$6,750, while Count Zeppelin will receive \$500,000 from the German government if all the requirements are fulfilled by his airship. The latter machine is twenty-five times as large as Capt. Baldwin's dirigible.
Yet Capt. Baldwin contends that in the dirigible which he had built for the army he has incorporated new ideas which will be eventually adopted by other nations in the construction of dirigibles. These new features are embodied in the gas envelope of Capt. Baldwin's machine, which differs widely from the Zeppelin, the Republic, the French dirigible, and the Nulli Secundus, the British military dirigible.
By his own process of vulcanizing rubber, Capt. Baldwin claims to have secured a material that will stand a strain of ninety-five pounds to the inch strip, and which is not affected by either heat or cold. In addition there is practically no elasticity to a gas bag made of this material, thus making a rigid balloon without the use of a frame. The rubber is stretched on both sides with the best Japanese silk, adding considerably to the strength of the envelope.

Here's a New Idea.

Midway between the ends of the gas bag, which is slightly over ninety feet long, is a balloon twenty-five feet long into which air can be pumped to counterbalance the alterations in air pressure changes in atmospheric pressure or contraction of the gas due to heat or cold. A "window" permits the aeronaut to look within the gas envelope.
The car or frame-work of Capt. Baldwin's ship is suspended from the envelope by means of a square mesh netting which is the creation of Capt. Baldwin. The Nulli Secundus, the British dirigible, has a canvas casing to which the car is suspended while Count Zeppelin has an aluminum envelope entirely surrounded by the numerous balloons which give buoyancy to his ship.
Although the capacity of Capt. Baldwin's gas bag is only 100,000 cubic feet, the British dirigible, its lifting capacity is nearly as great.

Fixed Cost Too Low.

"There are many things that should be on my dirigible which I have not been able to use because of the specifications and the low cost at which the ship was necessarily constructed," said Capt. Baldwin today while working upon the assembling of his machine at Fort Meyer. Among the attempts at making Capt. Baldwin pointed out, are the immovable blades or fins attached to the envelope, which add much to the equilibrium of the ship.
Two mechanics have arrived from the G. H. Curtis works at Hammondsport and are assisting Capt. Baldwin in preparing the machine for its initial flight, which probably will take place Saturday next. G. H. Curtis, the aeronaut who will accompany Capt. Baldwin on the trial flights, is expected to arrive Wednesday.

Ready for the Trials.

The big balloon tent from which the flights are to be made on the cavalry drill ground at the fort, arrived today and will be easily put into position. It will be connected with the fort waterworks and the whole of the drill ground will be roped off and sentries stationed to hold the crowd in check. Special tickets will be issued to the press and to the many diplomats and scientific visitors who have announced their intention of attending the trials. The arrangements for the trials of the balloons will be under Col. Hatfield, the commandant of the post, though the actual flights will be under the auspices of the signal service. There is not much hurry on the part of the post authorities about getting up the tent, as it is felt that this can be done in short order whenever it is needed.
There is some misapprehension in this country about the status of military ballooning on the other side of the Atlantic. France and Germany are in the lead with steerable balloons, and general credit is given Count Zeppelin for having perfected the biggest and most practical dirigible of this type. The Germans are in the case of so far as twelve hours, though the count hopes that he will be able to navigate for twenty-four hours within the next fortnight.
Great Britain has put out only two dirigible balloons, though it is not generally known that she has been working on aeroplanes for more than two years. Maj. Gen. Baden Powell of Mafeking fame has been deeply interested in this work. He has been in the United States, and carried on in secret there is no knowing just how much has been accomplished.

Russia Standing Still.

Russia has recently established a balloon corps, but she has not made much practical progress. During the Japanese war she used captive balloons for observation to some extent, but the report of the board on the subject of the use of balloons in war was not very favorable. It was stated that there was much difficulty in making any useful observations and that photographs taken from the balloons proved almost entirely useless for military purposes. The experiments have been tried from the warships, but although these did a little better, their practical utility was nil.
No nation has yet adopted the aeroplane as an aerial craft, and if the tests at Fort Meyer result in the acceptance of one or more of these machines the "Big Game" will be the game of the future, and this will be only poetic justice, since the problem of mechanical flight without the aid of gas bag was first solved in this country.

RACE FOR LIFE.

Commander Harlow Brought From Guantanamo Bay.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—The cruiser Tacoma, which arrived here yesterday from Panama with 150 marines, has apparently won a race against death by being the last ship to arrive at the Philadelphia naval station, in time for an operation for appendicitis before grave complications set in.
The commander was ill when he boarded the Tacoma and the cruiser made a fast run to this port. It was ill to be moved immediately upon the arrival of the Tacoma at the Philadelphia navy yard, but a chance was taken today when he was removed to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital.
An operation was immediately performed and pronounced successful. The Tacoma also brought with it twenty-two sick marines, thirteen of whom were removed to the naval hospital.

CONFERRING ON OHIO

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of political conferences, committee meetings and general preparation for the notification ceremonies tomorrow was begun early by Judge Taft. He appeared at his office in the Hotel Stanton shortly after 8 o'clock and immediately the work was on. Arthur I. Vorys, who has been the final authority in making the notification arrangements, was the first to be given an audience. The program for tomorrow was carefully gone over and approved.
Chairman Warner of the notification committee, the local arrangements committee and Mr. Vorys were present with Judge Taft, who declared that everything was entirely satisfactory. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize everybody with the plans. After the conference Judge Taft went to a photographer's and then to an oculist's, where he said he wanted some glasses that would stay on over his ears. He next went to the home of his brother, Charles F. Taft, to spend the time quietly until the afternoon conference with the Ohio committeemen and candidates.

WAS WEALTHY ONCE.

Now Melvin A. Gould Is Found Starving.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 27.—Melvin A. Gould, who says he is a second cousin of the late Jay Gould, is dangerously ill at the county hospital. He is seventy years old and is suffering from lack of proper nourishment.
The old man has been living in his own cottage and has been cared for by his foster daughter, whom he had befriended for many years. She is said to be no longer able to care for him and he must become a county charge.
There is a mortgage on the cottage and if he dies there will be hardly enough money to bury him. He once was wealthy.
Most of his property was turned into cash in order that he might speculate in mines. He lost thousands of dollars trying to develop a claim that was worthless.

CHATS WITH VILLAGERS.

President Roosevelt Joins Post Office Loafers.

OSTER BAY, N. Y., July 27.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt, for the first time this summer, rode through the village this morning on horseback. They left Sagamore Hill immediately after breakfast for a long ride and took the shore road through the village in the direction of Sea Cliff.
The President stopped in front of the post office, where a number of villagers were gathered, and discussed the weather, the condition of crops, his health and nearly everything except politics. He shook hands with all present, and when one merchant suggested that he was soon to leave Oyster Bay for Africa the President replied with a laugh:
"Yes, but I'll come back here again. You can't keep me away from Oyster Bay."
The President was dressed in a khaki riding suit and Mrs. Roosevelt in a black suit. As they left the village along the shore road the President's horse slipped at a passing automobile, but he gave it a cut with his whip and then started off at a brisk canter. Mrs. Roosevelt was following closely behind.
Must Have Been Fatigued.
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